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1. The following list of naval craft observed in the port of Constanta during the period [redacted] is keyed to the attached port plan: 25X1
- a. Military Zone - Berth Position 1 to 5: 25X1
- One destroyer with two smokestacks countersigned [redacted]
- Two three-smokestack destroyers; 25X1
- Four destroyer-type vessels (smaller than a light destroyer and more like heavy torpedo boats); and
- Training ship [redacted] 25X1
- b. Other Berth Positions:
- No. 6 - Liberty-type freighter flying [redacted] flag loading lumber for South America. 25X1
- No. 7 - Empty.
- No. 8 - Freighter ARES, [redacted] 3,000 tons DW, waiting to load cement for Persian Gulf. 25X1
- No. 9 - Hungarian passenger ship, DW about 1,500 tons, two bridges, cruiser type prow. According to one of the harbor pilots this is a former Rumanian ship given to Hungary. It was in the process of being refitted.
- No. 10 - Rumanian cargo ship [redacted] DW about 1,000 tons. Sailed on 28 August with a cargo of lumber mine props [redacted] 25X1

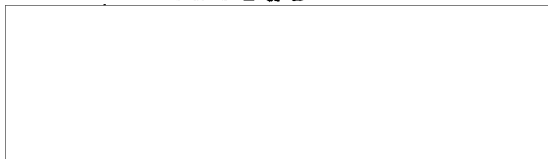
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No. 11 - Rumanian freighter [redacted], about 6,000 tons DW,
sailed on 27 August with a cargo of cement [redacted]

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No. 12 - [redacted] freighter [redacted] - sailed on 26 August with 10,000
tons of cement [redacted]

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No. 13 - Rumanian freighter [redacted] which sailed on 27 August with a
mixed cargo of glassware in cases and lumber. This ship re-
fueled near No. 25 where there is a fuel outlet from a pipe-
line running under the dock level. According to one of the
harbor pilots only Soviet and Rumanian ships may refuel at this
point.

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No. 14.- [redacted] freighter.

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No. 15 - Empty.

No. 16 - [redacted] freighter [redacted] loading cement.

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No. 17 - [redacted] freighter [redacted] with a [redacted] crew, which
arrived from Iskenderum with a cargo of rice and bran and later
took on a cargo of lumber for Gedda.

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No. 18 - Soviet freighter of about 7,000 tons DW, loaded wheat and
sailed on 26 August.

No. 19 - [redacted] freighter [redacted] took on a cargo of 2,400 tons of
cement [redacted]

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No. 20 - [redacted] freighter.

No. 21 - Rumanian freighter of about 7,000 tons DW being fumigated.

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No. 22 - Rumanian yacht [redacted] of about 300/400 tons DW, used by local
labor unions for excursions. People using ship were mostly
Rumanians from the hinterland.

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No. 23 - [redacted] freighter [redacted] with an [redacted] crew, owned by
a [redacted] shipowner, unloaded 7,200 tons of phosphates coming
from Murmansk. It was to take on a cargo of cement for the
[redacted].

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No. 24 - [redacted] freighter.

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No. 26 - Soviet freighter of about 6,000 tons DW loading lumber and
glassware for Odessa. On 1 September the ship was still in
port. The ship was quite new, with a streamlined bow, cruiser-
type prow, two bridges and equipped with radar. On 20 August
this ship had overtaken [redacted] freighter at the entrance
of the Bosphorus. At the time its speed was estimated at 13
knots and she was fully loaded. It arrived in Constanta two
days after [redacted] ship after having evidently called at
other ports.

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No. 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 - Empty.

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No. 32 - Rumanian yacht [redacted], formerly the property of King Carol, manned by a military crew. On the morning of 30 August it changed position, docking in front of the Maritime Station (Berth 12) where it took on board a number of passengers said to be members of Communist delegations on their way back from the Warsaw Festival. [redacted] they were members of delegations [redacted]

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No. 33 - Empty.

No. 34 - Pontoon crane of the [redacted] Navy GM-150 type to be found at the Taranto shipyards.

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No. 35 and 36 - Empty.

No. 37 - [redacted] freighter.

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c. Petroleum Zone

Berth A - Soviet tanker of about 3,000 tons DW, new construction, cruiser like prow; equipped with radar.

Berth B - Empty.

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Berth C - [redacted] tanker [redacted] of about 7,500 tons DW, manned by crew, loading kerosene [redacted]

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Berth D - Old type Soviet tanker, DW about 6,000 tons, no radar, taking on oil cargo.

d. Drydock Zone (foot of Pier VI)

Two patrol boats in drydock undergoing repairs.

One mixed cargo and passenger ship of about 500 tons DW undergoing repairs and located on the north side of the drydock.

One Rumanian freighter of about 4,000 tons DW undergoing repairs in dockyard.

Four fishing schooners of the [redacted] type - steel hull, identification under bridge, equipped with radar and with a rotating platform aft on which were noticed a number of steel cables of the type needed for dredging operations. Also equipped with a heavy winch located aft. These schooners were also in the dockyard.

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Five Rumanian patrol boats countersigned [redacted]

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[redacted] They were armed with a 40 mm. machine gun forward and a 8 mm. machine gun aft. These patrol boats were also seen in the dockyard.

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2. [redacted] the former [redacted] battleship [redacted] now countersigned [redacted] was noticed anchored near the military zone. Next to it there was a light cruiser of new construction estimated to be about 5,000 tons DW. This ship was not countersigned with any number but was armed with two gun turrets forward (six 152 mm. guns) and one gun turret aft (three guns of 152 mm.), ten AA guns and two

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torpedo launching tubes on the port and starboard sides of the ship; two smokestacks between two masts and various radar equipment. Estimated to be of the same type as the [] carried on Page 306 of Jane's Fighting Ships (1954-55 edition). The two ships, together with all the Rumanian Navy ships in port, sailed from Constanta harbor at 1000 hours on 27 August, presumably to hold gunnery practice at sea. The fleet returned to port at 1600 hours that same afternoon.

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3. The dredging ship [] is still sunk at the port entrance at a point about 500 meters away from the entrance light buoy.

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4. Both on arrival and on departure, [] ship underwent the usual formalities. [] crew members are not subjected to body searches on their way in and out and controls in general appear to be less rigid. A Communist rally/festival was held in Constanta []. All masters of ships docked in the port were invited. The festivities were purely of a Communist propaganda nature and contrary to reports there were no military parades.

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5. General living conditions in Constanta remain poor. During the summer period many Rumanians from the hinterland were seen vacationing in the city. The number of Soviet Army officers stationed in Constanta is still high and most of them have their families with them.

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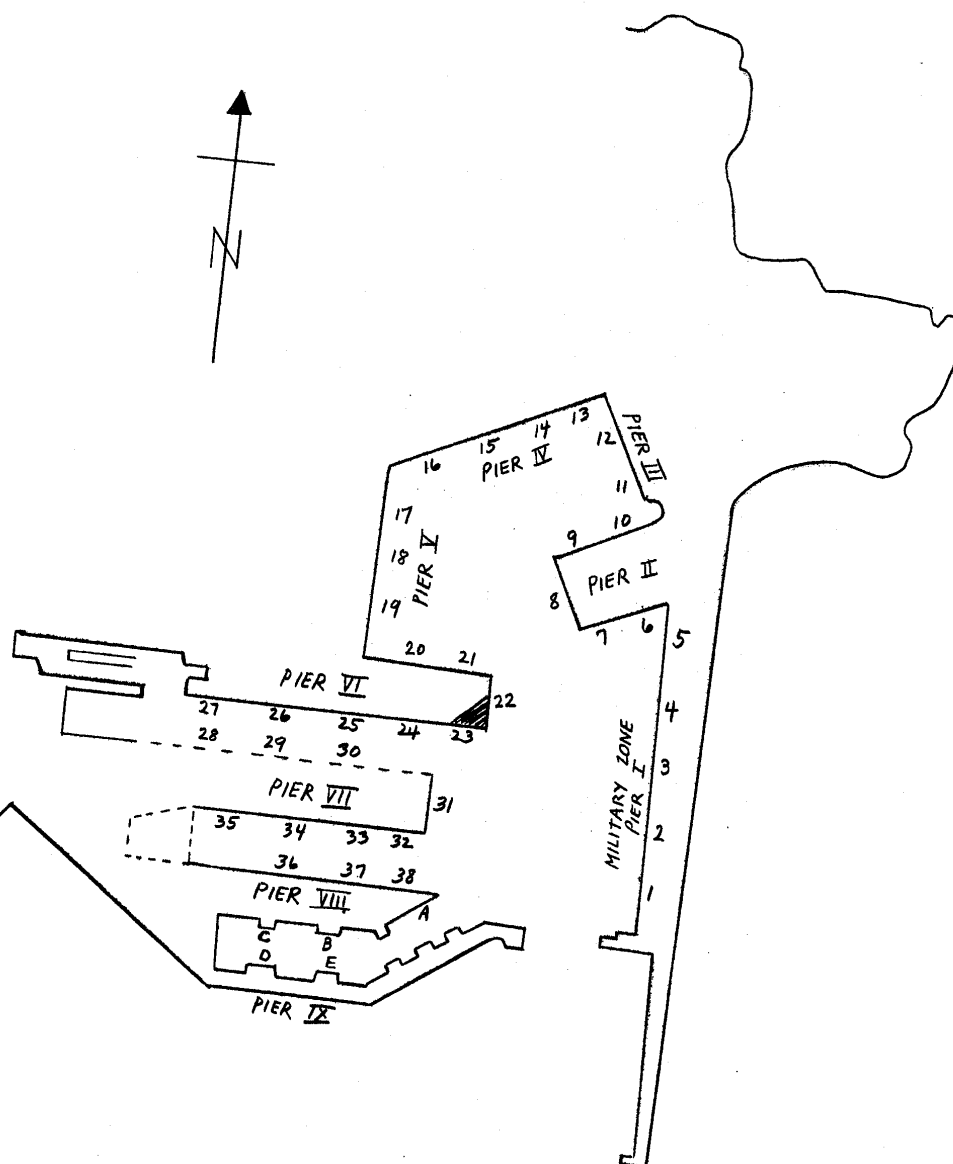
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